

SENATE RESOLUTION 146

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to commend Charles Brandon Watkins for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Charles Brandon Watkins is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Rusty Crowe; Brandon's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watkins is a Junior who is majoring in Political Science at Tennessee State University; he is highly admired by his peers, has achieved estimable academic excellence, and participates in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, born in Columbia, Brandon is the son of Charles Larry and Kathy Louise Watkins and the grandson of the late John B. Watkins and Francis Watkins of Columbia and of Elise Yancey of Spring Hill, and he graduated with honors from Spring Hill High School; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation, Mr. Watkins joined the United States Army and, after completing paratrooper training, volunteered for duty in the elite 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment, where he served his entire enlistment as a Ranger in Bravo Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 75<sup>th</sup> Regiment in

both technical and leadership positions during operations in the Caribbean, Central America, and Central Europe; and

WHEREAS, honorably discharged in 2000, Brandon Watkins received a full academic scholarship to Tennessee State University; while maintaining an excellent record of academic achievement, he also actively competed as a member of the Tennessee Sport Ju-Jitsu Team and won a Bronze Medal in the 2000 U.S. Sport Ju-Jitsu National Championships; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2002 legislative session, Mr. Watkins has surpassed all criteria in regard to the attributes of a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Brandon brought his many talents and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2002 session of the One Hundred Second General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watkins has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend Charles Brandon Watkins for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Rusty Crowe and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.